



# PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS, ECONOMICS AND LAW

## BGSU COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Bowling Green State University offers a major in Philosophy, Politics, Economics and Law (PPEL) that teaches students to understand and evaluate the production, maintenance and interaction of social, political, legal and economic institutions.

### College of Arts and Sciences – Philosophy, Politics, Economics and Law (PPEL)

#### Points of Pride

- PPEL is a new, multidisciplinary program with an emphasis in research and argument to help prepare students to think harder and more effectively about the pressing social and political questions of our time and across history.
- The program (the major or the minor) can be pursued as a pre-law program.
- Three tracks within the major emphasize multidisciplinary skills: Law, Ethics and Policy, National and International Perspectives.
- Students who pursue the law track often move on to law school or a career related to the law.
- Students who pursue the ethics and policy track are well prepared for research and careers in public health, nonprofits and policymaking.
- Students who pursue the national and international perspectives track may consider careers in government and non-governmental organizations, whether domestically or abroad.



#### Student Success

PPEL minor Andrea Danziger worked with the U.S. Consulate in Munich in the political/economic section. Danziger, who participated in the 2016-17 Study Abroad Program in Salzburg, earned the Stuart R. Givens Memorial Fellowship and the Hoskins Global Scholarship, which allowed her to choose a project for intense research. She studied the German and European Union reactions to the Syrian Refugee Crisis, which tied into her PPEL Capstone paper on the direct differences in the legal asylum process between the U.S. and Germany.

#### Preparing Students for Jobs


“PPEL is all about real issues. **We are equipping our students to be rigorous thinkers and problem solvers**, which will be of real value to them as they seek jobs after college.”

Dr. Kevin Vallier, PPEL Director  
Department of Philosophy

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# MAJOR MAP

## PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS, ECONOMICS, AND LAW (PPEL) B.A. in Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law (PPEL)

CLASS OPTIONS	<p><b>Freshman</b> Enroll as Pre-PPEL, Take groundwork courses: PHIL 1250; ECON 2020; ECON 2030; POLS 1100 or POLS 1710.</p>	<p><b>Sophomore</b> Finish groundwork courses, achieve GPA of 3.0, Declare PPEL Major, Begin taking Core Courses (PPEL 2240).</p>	<p><b>Junior</b> Complete PPEL 3000 and PPEL 3100. Select a Track (Law, Ethics &amp; Policy, or National &amp; International Perspectives).</p>	<p><b>Senior</b>  Complete Remaining Track Courses, Take Capstone Course, PPEL 4800.</p>
GOOD ADVICE	<p>Meet with PPEL Director, academic advisor, and program advisor. If law is an interest, attend BGSU's Law School Fair to gain insight from admission representatives.</p>	<p>Stay in touch with mentors to qualify to declare the PPEL major, begin to explore track offerings. Attend Statehouse Falcons to learn about jobs/ internships with government agencies, non-profits, and private firms in law, ethics, policy and governance.</p>	<p>Pursue interviews with people in your track area. For law, meet with law school attendees and lawyers, and people with JDs who don't practice. Explore public policy positions, intern with a local think tank or non-governmental organization.</p>	<p>Use the capstone experience to develop a concrete plan for your future education or vocation. The capstone is designed to give students an opportunity to use the major to launch into their future careers.</p>
RELEVANT EXPERIENCE	<p>Attend PPEL Club events, or join the club and help to organize them. PPEL Club runs a variety of important talks and discussions.</p>	<p>Work with the career center to begin planning internship and employment opportunities such as law firms, think tanks, lobbying organizations, etc.</p>	<p>Find opportunities to explore advocacy based on your coursework, such as grassroots political organizing, law internships, think tank internships, community activities that promote justice and public service.</p>	<p>Continue to pursue career opportunities, using the capstone to formalize and receive credit for your explorations.</p>
USEFUL CONNECTIONS	<p>Join BGSU student organizations, such as the PPEL Club, and the Law Society. </p>	<p>Attend and participate in PPEL Club and Law Society events. Organize student discussions. Make suggestions for speaking events.</p>	<p>Take on leadership roles within the PPEL program to advise underclass students and to shape the direction of club activities. Consider running for office in the club. Review LSAT and LSAC timelines.</p>	<p> Continue to contribute to student life within the PPEL program.</p>
GLOBAL VIEWS	<p>Students interested in national and international institutions should consider study abroad opportunities. For internship with NGOs or IGOs, consider learning foreign languages and studying the culture and economics of different countries.</p>	<p>Continue preparation for internship with a national or international organization like the United Nations or NGOs with relevant coursework and advising. Explore study abroad opportunities.</p>	<p>Apply for study abroad opportunities, and international internships, (International Summer Legal Internships and study abroad)! Interested students should probably focus on the National and International Perspectives Track.</p>	<p>Complete study abroad program, build your experience into your capstone project in PPEL 4800.</p>
CAREER PREP	<p>Begin to think about PPEL-related internships, and educational opportunities like law school. Explore the Falcon Internship Guarantee Program through the BGSU Career Center. Explore in-demand careers, pathways, and occupations at <a href="http://www.OhioMeansJobs.com">www.OhioMeansJobs.com</a>.</p>	<p>Through coursework and related PPEL activities, develop an understanding of political and economic institutions, learn about ethics and theories of justice, political ideologies, and economic models.</p>	<p>Potential internships can take place within law firms, non-governmental agencies, diplomatic offices, Congress, lobbying firms, public advocacy groups, hospitals and research institutes. Form LSAT-prep study groups to familiarize yourself with content and test structure.</p>	<p>Use the PPEL capstone course, PPEL 4800, to explore real-world experiences that the major has prepared you for.</p>